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This court may consider a second or successive § 2255 motion only upon specific certification from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit that the claims in the motion meet certain criteria. See 28 U.S.C.A. § 2255(h). The defendant previously filed a § 2255 motion concerning this same conviction and sentence. *Sloan v. United States*, Case No. 7:03CV00783 (W.D. Va. Apr. 30, 2004), *appeal dismissed*, No. 04-6879 (4th Cir. Sept. 29, 2004). Because the defendant offers no indication that he has obtained certification from the court of appeals to file a second or successive § 2255 motion, I must dismiss his current action without prejudice.

A separate Final Order will be entered herewith.

DATED: July 20, 2012

/s/ James P. Jones
United States District Judge